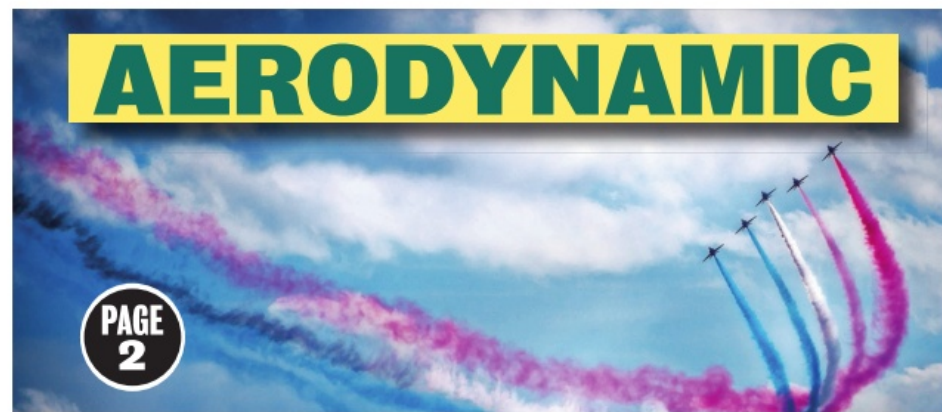




Shops, markets still have single-use plastic as deadline to prohibit its manufacturing, distribution, sale nears

PLASTIC SURGERY

**600-odd cases in 2022;
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Earlier this year, Karnataka Pollution Control Board (KSPCB) issued a public notice banning single-use plastic less than 100 microns from June 1. Subsequently, steps towards enforcement began in full swing. The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP), the implementing agency, conducted multiple surprise inspections of shops and raided manufacturing units in the city.

That said, with the deadline to prohibit the manufacturing, distribution, sale and use of these plastic items just around the corner (June 1), the goalpost for BBMP appears to have shifted. The outcome: single-use plastic items have made their way back into shops and markets in Bengaluru.

According to a senior BBMP official, while the enforcement to ban single-use plastic was earlier on the back-burner due to covid-19, now the ongoing pothole fixing and desilting projects have affected the drive.

"Post covid-19, we had the plan to target single-use plastic sources;



**“We will need public support to enforce this rule.
A major roadblock is lack of a suitable alternative**

— Harish Kumar K, special commissioner, SWM, BBMP

while we started the operation in full swing early this year, the situation is not in our favour again to enforce the ban immediately. We are currently under pressure

to desilt the drains and fix potholes. There is a shortage of manpower. Marshals are busy with blackspots monitoring. However, we understand that

this cannot be an excuse. The progress might not be impressive, but we are doing it slowly," said the official.

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No online classes anymore

Schools for complete shift to in-person lessons; not to conduct online classes further



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During the last two years of covid-19 pandemic, online class was the buzzword. For many months, students sat at home and studied; in fact, there are thousands of students who still have not returned to campuses.

However, with the next academic year starting from next week (many private schools are resuming classes next Monday onwards), schools in the city have decided not to conduct online classes any more.

Mansoor Ali Khan, member of board of management, Delhi Public School, said, "We have decided to conduct only offline classes in our member institutions henceforth."

School managements are of the view that as the facilities have been closed for nearly two years now, this has impacted students a great deal in terms of memory and learning loss.

"The need of the hour though is to return to school. This approach would bring great relief not only to students who have been missing social interaction and bonding, but also to parents who have been stressed out to manage work-life balance.

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3 THINGS TO DO

01 Javed Ali, live

Bengalureans, this Saturday, let your hair down and unwind with music sensation Javed Ali's live performance at Alive India in Concert series, Season 8, in partnership with Phoenix Marketcity Bangalore and Chennai. Javed boasts of a solid fan base in the country and is credited with having sung songs in almost every Indian language, and the concert is a must-attend for any music lover.

Where: Phoenix Marketcity, Whitefield

When: May 28, 6 pm onwards

Tickets: Rs 999 onwards, bookmyshow.com



02 Support these artisans



Dastkar brings the most authentic experience of Indian handicrafts by bringing a confluence of more than 100 craft groups and craftpreneurs from 20+ states across India within one arena. The Bengaluru Dastkar Bazaar will offer a wide range of lifestyle accessories, silver jewellery, and adornments, metal crafts, carved furniture & decorative products, pottery & ceramics, basketry & fibre crafts, leather products, traditional paintings, a variety of hand-woven, embroidered, block printed textiles and more.

Where: Jayamahal Palace Hotel

When: May 27 - June 2, 10.30 am - 8.30 pm

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03 Books by weight

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Where: Safina Plaza (Main Hall), Infantry Road
When: May 26 - May 29, 10 am - 8 pm

Bengaluru should host Aero India permanently

... says CM Bommai in Davos; next show slated to be held in February 2023

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With the larger-than-life Aero India event scheduled to be held in Bengaluru in February 2023, there seems to be tussle between states which are vying to host the prestigious event.

Speaking to a private TV channel in Davos, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai said, "I want Bengaluru to be a permanent venue for Aero India." The Yelahanka Air Base played host to the first edition of Aero India in 1996. Since then, the air base is synonymous with Aero India. Even during the last Aero show held in February 2021, there were a lot of doubts over organising the Aero Show given the Covid situation in the country.

However, strict Covid protocol was followed to host the Aero show (initially, Covid-negative certificates were made mandatory while BBMP waived it off later stating that the air show was organised in an open area).

From as early as 2018, the alleged venue shifting of Aero India had made headlines. Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi



The Surya Kiran aerobatic team perform on the last day in 2021

Adityanath had urged the then Defence Minister Nirmala Sitharaman to hold Aero India in UP. It was also speculated that the government had decided to advance the show to be held later this year. The news of possible shifting of Aero India from Bengaluru to Lucknow had in fact turned into a full-blown war of words between the BJP and Congress-JD(S) alliance. Even the

then Chief Minister HDK had shot off a letter to PM Modi saying Aero India was synonymous with Bengaluru.

Besides flight shows, the trade event also showcases technologies and products of global and Indian aerospace and defence firms. There will be static displays of military and civilian aircraft, helicopters and air weapons etc. For the Aero India show,

From as early as 2018, the alleged venue-shifting had made headlines

planning and preparations start six months in advance and more than 20 committees are set to look into various activities.

There are rehearsals where many aircrafts are tested several times and the pilots are also highly trained for those twists and turns. Sources in the State Government argued that Bengaluru being the hub for defence and aviation majors of the country, it was certainly the most suitable place to conduct the show.

To aid and assist the Union Defence Ministry, Karnataka has also suitably upgraded its infrastructure in terms of roads, public amenities and smooth flow of traffic. Bengaluru has successfully conducted the show in the past.

Even though after every Aero India event there is a talk that the show may shift to another city, Bengalureans feel Aero India is an integral part of Bengaluru (which is also dubbed as aviation capital of India) and this prestigious event should remain here.

Of live gigs and digital sounds

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Musician Javed Ali is all set to entertain a packed house at Saturday's Alive India in Concert Season 8. With just two days left to count down, it has been a busy few weeks for Supratiek Shyamal Ghosh, singer, songwriter, composer, and founder of Aurko India and Alive India. In a refreshingly candid chat with BM, the entrepreneur spoke on keeping up with the times and the modern-age threats to live gigs. "The Alive India in Concert Series has always been curated by musicians in such a way that the concert reflects our diverse music culture: sounds, beats, songs that every Indian has made a part of their existence. Our audience comprises everyone from 5 - 7-year-old schoolkids to 75-year-old grandparents on a wheelchair. There's something in it for everyone," says Ghosh.

Explaining why they chose to collaborate with Javed Ali, the musician explains that the



A packed house watches Amit Trivedi perform; (right) Ghosh

popular playback singer perfectly symbolised the diverse music culture of the country and his songs have transcended languages.

"From Telugu to Bengali, Tamil to Hindi, India cannot get enough of Srivallli (his song from Pushpa)." But while organising live gigs are a fulfilling challenge for any musician, it is an uphill task to stay relevant, especially in current times.

"We at Alive India and Alive 1 Studio left our secure jobs at the peak of our career to walk the music route. Unfortunately, most of us are ineligible for bank loans as we do not have monthly

pay slips. For the last 12 years, we have been trying to create an independent ecosystem where art meets commerce and is backed by science and technology," admits Ghosh. The founder admits that post covid, time and audience's situation has changed.

From struggling to make ends meet to looking for faster, evolved music formats, the youth especially, want different things now. Most have the attention span of 30 seconds, so a live performance has to be worth their travel time.

When I ask how has the live music scene evolved, the founder



admits that digital music is often a threat to live performances.

"I personally feel DJ-produced music is a curse to live art forms. People nowadays also rely on Youtube and Spotify too much."

He adds that after two years of no work, this will be the first concert post 2019 where they had to go the extra mile to persuade investors and provide earning opportunities to the countless people working behind the scenes. "At the end of the day, live music has a charm of its own, so we are trying to provide an experience that will stay with them," he signs off. Bangalore Mirror is a media partner for the event.

Tickets: <https://in.bookmyshow.com/events/alive-india-in-concert-season-8/ET00327242>

Bizman found murdered

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A 74-year-old businessman was murdered allegedly by his domestic help at his apartment in Chamarajpet on Tuesday night. The help is said to have then ransacked the apartment and escaped with valuables.

The deceased Jugraj Jain used to live with his younger son and family at an apartment on 4th cross Chamarajpet and owned an electrical appliance shop in Chickpet. The family had hired a man identified as Bijaram from Rajasthan as domestic help six months ago.

On Tuesday, Jain was alone as his family had gone to visit their relatives. The murder came to light when one of the relatives called Jain

to check on him but there was no response. He informed the elder son Prakash Chand staying with his family separately, who rushed to the house and found the door was locked.

With the help of a key-maker, a duplicate key was made to open the door and they found Jain lying in the bathroom with his mouth gagged and his hands and legs tied.

Prakash Chand with the help of others untied him and found him dead and alerted the police. The police rushed to the spot and found that the wardrobe and the valuables and cash have gone missing. Bijaram was also missing. The Chamarajpet police have launched a massive manhunt to track him down.

Man drowns self in sump

A 45-year-old man ended

his life by drowning in a sump of his house in Govindaraj Nagar on Wednesday.

The deceased has been identified as Venugopal, who was unemployed. According to the police, Venugopal was depressed over a series of incidents including his mother and sister having ended their lives by drowning in the sump three years ago. He was married five years ago but his wife deserted him.

On Wednesday neighbours found his body in sump and alerted the police. The police rushed to the spot and shifted the body for post-mortem. They found a suicide note stating that he is ending his life due to depression and no one is responsible for his extreme step. The Govindaraj Nagar police have taken up a case of unnatural death and are investigating.

Covid cases nearing 200 in Bengaluru



the spike in covid cases was due to an increase in testing as 20,000 tests were conducted in the State. The Test positivity rate (TPR), an indicator of the covid spread, was 0.9%. Meanwhile, BBMP Chief Commissioner Tushar Girinath said there was a recent drop and spike in covid cases due to a technical glitch and the situation was well under control. —BMB

For the first time in the last few weeks, covid cases in the City are nearing 200. On Wednesday, 208 new covid cases were reported in the State and out of them 197 were from Bengaluru alone. Dakshina Kannada reported six, Mysuru three, Tumakuru and Chikkamagaluru one each. There has been no covid death reported. One of the important reasons for

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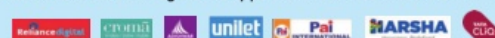


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New terminal a traffic bane?

Sir M Visvesvaraya Terminal in Byappanahalli may cause road congestion: residents

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After a delay of over a year, the Sir M Visvesvaraya Terminal in Byappanahalli is all set for a grand opening on June 6. While the news of the inaugural has been a celebration for rail enthusiasts, Bengalureans around the area worry about rising traffic congestion in future.

However, the South Western Railways noted that only three pairs of trains would be running for now, with an expected footfall of less than 5,000.

"There will be traffic once the terminal will be opened. The engineer of the Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) flyover hadn't planned for this railway terminal. Now it's only two lanes but it should have been at least a three-lane flyover. Unless the flyover is widened, there will be a major bottleneck," said a resident, Jude Rajesh.

"People coming from Kammanahalli or Banaswadi usually want to reach the Banaswadi flyover. Without the adequate infrastructure, the footfall from even one train will cause a jam on the road. Each train will contain at least 1,400 passengers and it's going to be a nightmare. Even if only 50 per cent want to go North or East Bengaluru, 700 people will be scurrying to catch cabs and private vehicles," said another resident of the area, Dev Anand.

On condition of anonymity, another resident aired accessibility concerns. "The terminal is a great move, but the question is how they are they going to manage incoming and outgoing traffic? It



The terminal is all set to be inaugurated on June 6 and is touted to be a world-class facility

should not be a case where people have to miss trains. The whole idea for another terminal is to decongest the city but they have to get the logistics right."

East Bengaluru will be most hit if traffic congestion begins there. Some alternate arrangements should have been made to facilitate the free flow of traffic, said Rajashekar, a resident.

Speaking to BM, SWR PRO, Anesh Hegde said, "One round of expansion of the main road in front of the terminal connecting Old Madras roadside to Banaswadi side has already been done. Right now, we are only shifting three pairs of trains and so the traffic in front of the terminal will be minimal. Each train will get around 800-900 passengers."

To reduce the possible traffic

congestion, BBMP has made some immediate and long-term plans as well.

"The railway station that will see at least one lakh footfall in full capacity that needs to be supplemented with adequate infrastructure. Currently, the terminal lacks a mobility plan. As an immediate measure, we can complete a 50-75 metre L-shaped road by using railway land to facilitate commuters from Maruthi Seva Nagar to reach Banaswadi and the railway overpass has been completed.

"For long term decongestion, we have made some plans; for 1 lakh footfall, you need at least 80-100 feet road. Adjoining the railways, there are three modes: railway lines, suburban rail, and elevated flyover traffic. We need to find a solution to connect all of them with mini-

The IOC flyover needs to be widened to prevent traffic congestion

—Jude Rajesh, a resident

mal land acquisition," said BS Prahalad, Chief Engineer (Road and Infrastructure), BBMP.

According to him, BBMP has proposed the Elevated Rotary overpass similar to the Chennai model at a proposed cost of Rs 250 crore. It took six months to come up with this idea and is not yet in the action plan. We have also proposed a travelator connecting the railway terminal to Vivekananda Metro station, he said.

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Palike takes charge

With much being spoken about the disaster management efforts by BBMP during the recent rains, it seems Palike has finally woken up. Housing minister V Somanna, who was recently appointed as in-charge of the West Zone, held an hour-long meeting with Minister Gopalaiiah, Bengaluru South MP Tejasvi Surya, MLA Dinesh Gundu Rao and BBMP Chief Commissioner Tushar Giri Nath and others to discuss the civic body's preparations to face natural disasters during monsoon.

"Each Zonal Commissioner has been authorised to take up emergency work worth Rs 1 crore. Silt in all drains will be removed. The BBMP engineers have been directed to identify low-lying areas, vulnerable and most

vulnerable areas in the city and such areas have already been identified at Nayandahalli, Chalavadi-palya and other places," said Somanna.

The minister added that all engineers would be held responsible if flooding of homes take place during monsoon.

He also added that the BBMP Chief Commissioner had decided to compensate the rain-affected families within 24 hours in future. "The revenue inspectors and ward engineers have to visit the families the same day and submit the report for compensation on the same day," the minister said.

"The BBMP gave compensation of Rs 25,000 each to 1,369 families and 763 families are yet to submit the required documents."

Y Maheswara Reddy

VK honours the Real Achievers

Vijay Karnataka (sister concern of **Bangalore Mirror**) is always in the forefront of recognising, promoting and honouring outstanding achievers in various fields for their contribution to the society. **VK** recognised and honoured achievers from Districts Around Bengaluru with 'Achievers of Karnataka' award by launching coffee table book at an event held on Friday May 20th in Bengaluru



We have a lot of achievers amongst us from various backgrounds. However, most of them have been doing their work without coming to the limelight. Hence VK decided to identify and honour all these achievers (from Ramanagara, Bengaluru Rural, Tumkur, Kolar and Chikkaballapur districts). The 22 achievers were felicitated by the Minister of Co-operation S T Somashekar, actors Ninasam Sathish and Radhika Narayan. Most of the awardees came from a very humble background. The journey was not at all easy. They had to triumph over a number of hurdles. However, with their sheer determination and hard work, they were able to make it big in their respective fields. The awardees attended the ceremony with their friends and families. The initiative motivated the awardees immensely.



S T SOMASHEKAR, Minister of Co-Operation, Govt of Karnataka



● VK is always a leader in organising these kinds of pro-people's programmes. VK's Superstar Raitha programme has inspired thousands of farmers across the State. VK was also in the forefront of the anti-drugs campaign. VK is always known for the best reportage of ground realities. Today, it is a heart touching moment to see so many achievers being identified, recognised and felicitated.

NINASAM SATHISH, Actor

● Speaking at a VK forum itself is as prestigious as receiving an award. We are reel heroes but today I met the real heroes who have been supporting hundreds of people. Every achiever should share his/her achievement and encourage others.



RADHIKA NARAYAN, Actress

● The Achievers of Karnataka is a perfect example of positive journalism. This trend should reach new heights and bring our talents to limelight.



A Coffee table book featuring Achievers of Karnataka (Bengaluru Rural, Ramanagara, Tumkur, Kolar and Chikkaballapur) was unveiled during the VK 'Achievers of Karnataka' event on Friday

What AWARDEES said

● Achievers of Karnataka is truly a model programme. My organisation is providing food to 1,500 children and this award has inspired us to do more.



-Sphoorthi D S, CEO, Sri Navanarasimha, Nithya Annadana Trust, Harohalli (Category: Social Service)



● VK has created the best platform to recognise achievers. As the government cannot identify all the achievers, VK's role is laudable.

-Dr Manoj Kumar K, Director and Country Representative, Hitachi Rail STS India, Signalling and Turnkey-S&P Asia and Japan Initiatives, Nagenahalli, Doddaballapur (Category: Corporate Excellence)

● I heartily appreciate VK for being in the forefront of identifying real achievers.



-Soundarya Ramesh, Chairman, SAIES, Nelamangala (Category: Social Service)



● It is a nice initiative to identify the achievers in rural areas. I am sure this will encourage more people.

-Jayamma Kenchiah, Social Worker, Dabaspur (Category: Social Service)

● VK's programme is a role model as it spreads a positive message by bringing the achievers together.



-Keeranagere Jagadeesh, Founder KCRC, Keeranagere (Category: Silk Farming)

● VK is also identifying and honouring achievers who are not in the limelight. This is truly inspirational.



-H B Manjunath, Managing Director, M/s Bhavani Shankar Group, Nelamangala (Category: Social Service)



● Achievers of Karnataka programme is a model for the entire state. These kinds of programmes will bring necessary changes in the society

-Rudrayya, Social Worker, Dabaspur (Category: Social Service)

● The programme was organised in a very systematic manner. I am sure that this programme will encourage a lot of people to achieve big in life



-Dheeraj Muniraj, Entrepreneur, Doddaballapur (Category: Social Service)



● I appreciate VK for identifying achievers who have stayed away from the limelight. I wish VK will organise many successful programmes like this in the future.

-Amarnath Shetty, Perfect Refrigeration, Tumkur (Category: Business)

● VK's job is commendable in identifying achievers from educational, social and medical fields. I am sure these kinds of programmes will encourage many to achieve.



-Madhu Jain, Chairman, Sri Gurukul Group of Institutions, Tumkur (Category: Conventional Education)

RANJEET KATE, CEO Vijay Karnataka & Bangalore Mirror

● The Times group is always in the forefront of recognising achievers. Country's number one business newspaper The Economic Times has been honouring corporate who have excelled in their respective fields. Similarly, we have Filmfare and Femina Miss India Awards. VK is not just recognising businessmen but also identifies and felicitates achievers from various fields.

● Though there are a number of achievers in rural areas, they have never been recognised earlier. VK is now doing a great job of promoting the rural talents



-Byalashali Govinda Gowda, President, Kolar-Chikkaballapur DGG Bank, Kolar (Category: Social Service)



● There is growing competition among industries and I thank VK for identifying industries which are doing well.

-G E Ramegowda, Managing Director, R.G. Constructions, Malur (Category: Social Service)

● I was happy to be part of this programme. This programme definitely created a platform for achievers from various sectors.



-Chandrashekar, Chairman, COPPRROD, Tumkur (Category: Social Service)

SUDARSHAN CHANNANGIHALLI, Editor, Vijay Karnataka

● It is our duty to identify and encourage those who have stayed away from the limelight. As a responsible media house, we are organising events that honour achievers of Karnataka.



● This programme is encouraging many youngsters to achieve more in their career and life. This programme will also be beneficial in encouraging many youngsters in the future.

-Dr Vishwas, Chairman, Vishwas Jewellers, Tumkur (Category: Brand Building)



● It is a welcome move to bring all the achievers to a single platform. Personally, I am happy to receive this coveted award and encourage me to achieve more.

-Nagaraj, Founder, Dolphin Group of Educational Institutions, Siddaghatta (Category: Social Service)



● The programmes organised by Times group is always inspiring as it encourages real achievers.

-Shanta Kumar K T, Social Worker and political leader, Tiptur (Category: Social Service)

● VK has shown today how a programme can be organised. VK is a model for the entire society by organising these kinds of programmes

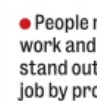


-Dr Chandrakala V, Radiologist & Founder, Raghu Scanning Centre, Tumkur (Category: Health Care)



● Doctors and the media are a model for society. Today, VK has become a model for the entire society.

-Dr S Ramesh Babu, Managing Director, Mudra Hospital, Tiptur (Category: Health Care)



● People may come and go but their work and achievement should always stand out. Today VK has done a good job by promoting these achievers.

-Chidananda, Chairman, Spoorthy Group, Tumkur (Category: Social Service)



● Doctors have played a very important role during Covid. Even the media's contribution was very important. VK's is not limiting its role to give news but also doing a commendable job by honouring achievers.

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Gig workers get trained on how to ride safe in B'luru

Traffic police and Yulu train workers on rules, good driving habits, responsible road behaviour

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The Bengaluru Traffic Police in association with Yulu trained around 50 gig delivery workers on Wednesday under the 'Safe Rider Program'. The three-hour session educated the gig workers about traffic rules, good driving habits and responsible road behaviour.

The session was conducted by the Traffic Training And Road Safety Institute.

"Many of the gig delivery workers in Bengaluru have Yulu bikes. While we assume that they know the rules and expect them to follow them, in reality, they are unaware. We realised these challenges after we spoke to some of our gig workers. Some of them never owned a vehicle and drove in a city like Bengaluru. This is when we decided to reach out to the city's traffic police to conduct the awareness session for them," said RK Misra, co-founder, Yulu. The training programme was also a part of the city's traffic police department's ongoing initiative to train people on traffic rules to make city roads safe for all.

"Most of the gig delivery workers start driving two-wheelers without complete awareness of the traffic rules. Many of them are from other parts of the country. We wanted to educate them about the traffic rules so that they are safe on the roads. We have conducted over 5000 such training programs this year for home guards, BMTC drivers,



Delivery workers attended a training session conducted by the Traffic Training And Road Safety Institute on Wednesday; Training was conducted by traffic police and Yulu



schools, colleges, MNCs, cab drivers, BBMP garbage vehicle drivers, etc.," said Savitha S, DCP North (Traffic).

The 'Safe Rider Program' will soon be gamified online, and delivery companies will also be able to tag a certified rider on the app. According to Misra, the idea is to inculcate a safe driving culture among the gig workers. "Reward is the great incentive to change behav-

ior and our idea behind gamifying this program is to ensure positive reinforcement among gig delivery workers. The workers will be tagged as 'safe drivers' and 'green drivers' on the applications. When customers will get their food delivered by a green and safe driver, the feel-good factor will kick in. This will encourage other delivery workers to go green and safe," added Misra.

“While we assume they know the rules, in reality, they are unaware.”

— RK Misra, co-founder Yulu

He added that the training program will be conducted as often as required and will cover all the gig workers across the city.

The session was conducted by a senior Bengaluru Traffic police personnel and certificates were awarded at the end of the programme.

"I am from Assam and have been working in Bengaluru for over a year now. While I have understood many of the traffic rules that are followed in the city, the session today was almost an eye-opener. Back home, the situation is different. Traffic rules in my hometown were never this strict," said Hamidul Haque Lascar, a 23-year-old gig delivery worker, who has been working for a popular online food ordering and delivery platform in the city.

Virtual to real school

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While schooling can be undertaken at home in a limited fashion, it is only the physical classroom learning that cultivates a holistic personality in children. Extra-curricular activities too at the school would bolster children's development, something that cannot be achieved within the confines of a home. Schools reopening will be instrumental to bridge the gap created by online education. What we do with young children this year will set the foundations of the future," said Aloysius D'mello, principal, Greenwood High International School.

Shubhra Johri Sinha, head of school, Ekya Byrathi, said different children within the same class would have had different experiences of the pandemic. They will also have varying levels of coping skills and resilience in dealing with those experiences.

"We understand that there are many kinds of

losses that students may have experienced; students may not be able to learn at the same pace as they have done before and may show disruptive behaviour. On the other hand, some others may be anxious to start learning again and make sure they are making up for the lost time. Youngsters respond in different ways to challenging experiences. We have advised our faculty members to not dismiss any concerning behaviour," she said.

Rudra Kumar Sharma, COO, JAIN International Residential School (JIRS), said teachers had a lot of challenges conducting both online and offline earlier. "For the last eight months, there have been mostly offline classes. Online is also there for those students who are unable to come to school. Challenges are there as teachers have to manage both students.

While there is physical interaction with students attending offline classes, which proves to be very effective for their personality development, students attending online classes get away

from it. During online classes students and teachers usually have to face technical glitches which on the contrary has no place in offline classes as there is face to face interaction in offline classes," he said.

Hybrid-ready

However, many schools said they will be ready for the shift in case of a covid spurt. Noorain Fazal, managing trustee and CEO of Inventure said, "We need to be in a state of readiness to shift to online or hybrid-based education at any given time."

According to Sharma of JIRS, even if there comes another wave, it is unlikely that it will be so severe to warrant closing of educational institutions as all are fully vaccinated. "In case of a next possible wave of covid and schools are again asked to shift to online classes as per a government order, there is the option of online schooling, which cannot be predicted at the moment.

In that case, e-classes will be conducted online and teachers will take classes with smart board tools from the classrooms with students at home," he added.

Single-use plastic ban from June 1

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So far, the BBMP has registered a little over 600 cases of single-use plastic this year and has collected Rs 11,52,655 lakh in fines. Experts said this number is not good enough, provided the impending deadline.

As per the Central Pollution Control Board's (CPCB) directive, plastic items less than 100 microns thick are banned from July 1. Additionally, no plastic carry bags less than 120 microns thick can be used from December 31. The CPCB has asked all states to implement the ban on items such as candy and ice-cream sticks, earbuds, decorative thermocol stirrers, flags, cups, wrapping films, glasses and cutlery that use plastic.

"To implement CPCB's direction, the Karnataka government has constituted a committee to prepare an action plan. The same has been communicated to all the implementing agencies, which is BBMP in Bengaluru Urban. Clear directions and guidelines have been issued about the enforcement of this ban. While a total ban from a date specified is ideal, all I can say is we are moving in that direction," said KSPCB member secretary K Srinivasulu.

However, according to BBMP's chief marshal Rajbir Singh, there is a lack of awareness among street vendors and buyers about the rule on single-use plastic products, making enforcement a difficult task. "The ban has to be publicised by the KSPCB for us to successfully enforce it on the ground. There is a total lack of awareness about the rule, especially among street vendors and buyers. Currently, when we reach out to the suppliers and shop-owners stating that single-use plastic is banned, they revolt. Awareness campaign about the ban and alternatives to plastic bags is the need of the hour," said Singh.

According to BBMP officials, while marshals are spreading awareness of the harmful effects of single-use plastic products while enforcing the rule, it is not enough. All agencies will have to join hands to make this ban work.

"The marshals are trying to spread awareness in areas such as KR Market, Kalasipalyam Market and Madiwala. We have a hand-held microphone that we use to talk and spread awareness among the public about the rule. They are going around in the market and talking to people who are buying and selling single-use plastic items. However, all the agencies, including KSPCB, will have to come together to implement the rule," added Singh.

BBMP special commissioner of solid waste management (SWM) told BM a crackdown on single-use plastic manufacturers in and around the city will begin soon. "We plan to target the source and will slowly start enforcing the rule. It is better to target pulp users and manufacturers rather than petty shops and users. However, we will need public support to enforce this rule. Although a major roadblock in implementing the rule is lack of a suitable alternative," said Harish Kumar K, special commissioner, SWM, BBMP.

Left out!

No new areas including those around Electronics City will make it to BBMP

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Its official — Electronics City and nearby areas will not be part of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP). The civic agency has clarified that the existing delimitation exercise will carve new wards out of the existing and no new areas (except two pockets) will be added. This has left many residents of these areas unhappy as their hope of getting better infrastructure is dashed.

Gaurav K, a techie who stays near Electronics City, said, "My locality falls under Chikkanagamangala gram panchayat which has not been able to lay proper roads. There is neither water supply nor drainage. Whenever it rains, the road turns into a pool. For decades, we were hoping to be part of the city municipality. When Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike became Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike, our areas were not included. Our hope was that ward numbers would be increased. We were hoping that we will be a part of it, but the latest announcement is a sad day for all areas adjoining BBMP."

On Wednesday, BBMP's Chief Commissioner Tushar Girinath clarified that except two pockets near Ambedkar Nagar and Hemmigeppura, no new areas will be added in the Palike's ambit. As per the State Government's decision, the existing 198 wards will be increased to 243.

Each ward may have 35,000 people

Girinath said, "As per the SC directive, one week is already over and seven weeks are remaining. Currently, the exercise of revising the BBMP ward boundaries is on. Care is being taken to ensure that every ward falls only in one constituency and no ward will be part of two constituencies. Each ward will have an average population of 35,000. The ward's population is decided by dividing the city's population as per the 2011 census by the number of wards with plus or minus 10%.

Demand to increase number of zones

Currently, there are eight zones in BBMP-East, West, South, Mahadevapura, Bommanahalli, Yelahanka, RR Nagar and Dasarahalli. Out of these, East, West and South have the higher number of wards while zones like Dasarahalli and Yelahanka have lesser. As a result, the zonal commissioners in the core Bengaluru wards have a lot of



work on their hands. Earlier, there was a proposal to increase the ward from the existing eight to 10. When quizzed about this, Girinath said, "As of now, we have no plans to revise the zones. This will be divided by the zonal committees. However, given the sizes of the zones, we may have to think of either increasing or revising zones in the future."

New contracts for unlined storm water drains

The BBMP has floated tenders for desilting unlined storm water drains. Girinath said, "We have floated fresh tenders for desilting storm water and side drains, whoever bags the contract will take up desilting work which may have to be completed by 20 days. For example, if the work of desilting

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starts, then it may have to be completed by June-end. However, there is still no clarity whether it will be a continuous process or whether we will float tenders again. This will be decided at a later stage," he said. He said that lined areas that stretch up to 800 km, a contractor had taken up the work though his contract has lapsed now. Now, either we need to extend the contract or float fresh tenders. Till a new arrangement is made, the existing contractor has continued work."

Reporting to zonal officials must

Now, all the employees of the respective zones will report to the zonal commissioner. Till now, the officials from departments like education, health or storm water drain would report to the Central office's respective departmental heads. Now, the heads will report to the zonal commissioner which the officials believe will help the zonal commissioners to get a firm grip over the works happening in their zones.

Court appearance exemption to BSY

A special court here on Wednesday granted exemption from personal appearance for the day to former Karnataka Chief Minister BS Yediyurappa in an alleged corruption case.

The BJP veteran's counsel submitted a medical certificate saying the 79-year-old was advised bed rest for 10 days by

doctors from Sagar Hospital, who are treating him especially for bi-lateral pneumonitis. The special court that deals exclusively with criminal cases related to Legislators in Karnataka exempted appearance on medical grounds and adjourned the case to June 17.

Yediyurappa will have to appear in

person on the next date of hearing.

The private complaint was filed in 2013 by Vasudeva Reddy, who alleged that Yediyurappa who was Deputy Chief Minister in 2006 had illegally denotified several parcels of lands in Whitefield and Electronics city.

Yediyurappa informed the court that he suffered from diabetes and hypertension and was being treated for it. **PTI**

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Lake guarding committees still buffering

Activists suggest more structured committee be formed to overlook lake and buffer zone conservation

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There are no statutory bodies to oversee and monitor conservation of the 30-metre buffer zones of any given lake, tank bund or other water bodies in the city or state. It takes alert citizens to bring any irregularities to the notice of the authorities. A glaring example recently is that of a road work carried out at the buffer zone of the Pattandur Agrahara lake in Whitefield which was stopped only after the activists repeatedly brought it to the notice of Karnataka Tank Conservation and Development Authority (KTCDA).

"According to the KTCDA Act, it is mandatory that a committee be formed at district level to oversee and monitor conservation of lakes, tank bunds and its buffer zones. Though the Act also elaborates on the structure of the committee, there are hardly any such committees in any district," said an activist Arun Prasad.

As per the Act, at district level, the committee should be headed by the District Commissioner who is the presiding officer, the vice president will be the zilla panchayat CEO, and the member secretary will be the executive engineer from the department of minor irrigation. There is also a separate post of an 'Authorised Of-



File photo of construction work near Pattandur Agrahara lake

ficer'. There is also an amendment to the KTDCA Act that in the city limits, commissioners such as the BBMP Commissioner, BDA Commissioner etc are made members.

According to the norms, lakes should have buffer zones of 30 metres, primary drain (Rajakaluve), secondary drain and tertiary drain should have 50 metres, 25 metres and 15 metres, but encroachment is carried on here, say activists. The Act says everything should go by revenue records. "If it is mentioned in revenue records that it is a lake, or a tank bund, irrespective of whether water is present there or not, it should be considered a lake or a tank bund," Prasad pointed out.

Convenor of Citizens Agenda for Bengaluru, Sandeep Anirudhan told Bangalore Mirror that it was sheer negligence that these committees do not exist "They must do these two things -- form the committee and have an office space," Anirudhan said.

In a Public Interest Litigation (PIL) filed last year on encroach-

ments on buffer zones, the court had directed the government to order its authorities to remove all encroachments and the court had also ordered that district level committees be formed according to the Act.

"The committee should have a representative office space in the city where citizens can go and file complaints. There also can be a website for this purpose. The website could be monitored by committee members who could also put up their names, contact numbers, email addresses," Anirudhan suggested. Anirudhan also pointed to the fact that there are no ecologists or environmentalists as a part of this committee.

Secretary to Government, Department of Minor Irrigation, C Mritunjaya Swamy told Bangalore Mirror, "I am not sure about committees regarding buffer zones. There is an apex committee headed by the principal secretary Revenue as mandated in the KTDCA Act, and he is the chairman of the state level committee. And there are district level committees headed by the district commissioners. All these committees meet regularly and these meetings are monitored by the High Court. Though they are sitting at different departments and office locations, they are meeting to oversee en-

croachments and violations. There are four custodians as well - in which there are urban local bodies with their own system and the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike where commissioner is the designated authority. "The

The panel should have an office in the city where citizens can go to file complaints

—Sandeep Anirudhan, activist

frequencies of the meetings are not fixed," Swamy said.

Work delegated

In a notice issued by the BBMP Commissioner on Wednesday, he delegated the powers of overseeing and removing encroachments from the lakes, tank bunds and its respective buffer zones to zonal commissioners.

Will this have any impact on the lakes, and rajakaluves etc and will the zonal commissioner become the decision maker now, activists asked.



BM's report on May 21, 2022

Patidar all the way!



Bangalore's innings was all about one man, Rajat Patidar! It felt like he was playing a different game altogether! Everything that he touched, turned to gold and as a result, he notched up his century. Not to forget the cameo by Dinesh Karthik that eventually helped Bangalore cross the 200 mark. After losing Faf du Plessis early,

Virat Kohli and Rajat Patidar recovered well and put up a good show in the Powerplay. However, Virat Kohli perished soon after, Glenn Maxwell was dismissed for a timid score as well. They did lose their way in the middle, but the partnership between Rajat Patidar and Dinesh Karthik made sure Bangalore finished with plenty of runs on the board. —TOI

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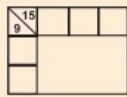
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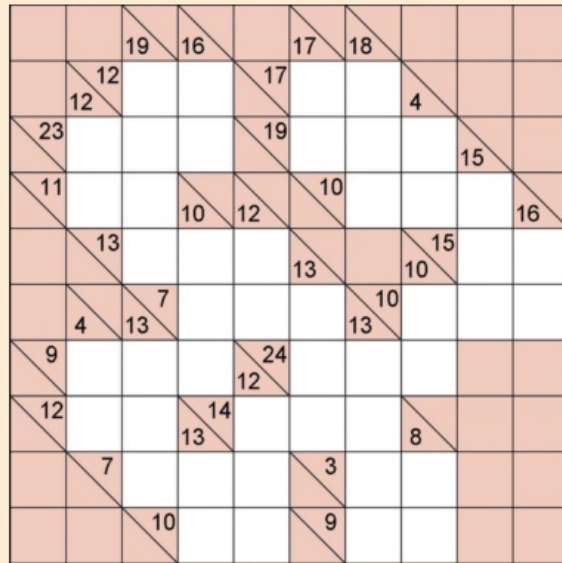
Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas



for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.

Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



Quick



ACROSS

- 1 Great crime (8)
- 7 A woman's case for holding small articles (4)
- 8 National park between Mysore and Ooty (8)
- 9 Wall fixture for candles (6)
- 10 Is subsequent (6)
- 11 Indian dish (3)
- 12 Mystery writers' awards (5)
- 14 Overflowed (5)
- 16 Stomach muscles (3)
- 18 Perplexed or confused (6)
- 20 Three times (6)
- 22 Popular breakfast fare (5,3)
- 23 Incandescence (4)
- 24 Ancient language of India (8)

DOWN

- 1 Attracted or lured (7)
- 2 One of the constellations (5)
- 3 Lynched by a crowd (6)
- 4 Burrow (6)
- 5 40-all in tennis (5)
- 6 Excavates or unearths? (4,2)
- 13 Made good (6)
- 15 Prevent from entering (4,3)
- 16 Former German chancellor (6)
- 17 Degrees or phases (6)
- 19 Sturdy (5)
- 21 Tennis legend Federer's first name (5)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: W EQUALS G
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 OGAWBPXJ TXA ZGDNCPXQ JFP
 NMXQNDPXNP HDGP DXADRD-
 AGTH SPQIMXQDLHDHJU.



Linemaro

Do you have the time? (x o clock) No, the time to write my number down



Mindchow

Whoever called snooker "chess with balls" was rude, but right



Joke of the day

Cocktail party: A gathering held to enable forty people to talk about themselves at the same time. The man who remains after the liquor is gone is the host

Loop

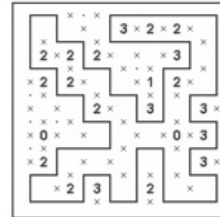
Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.

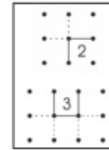
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) - Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

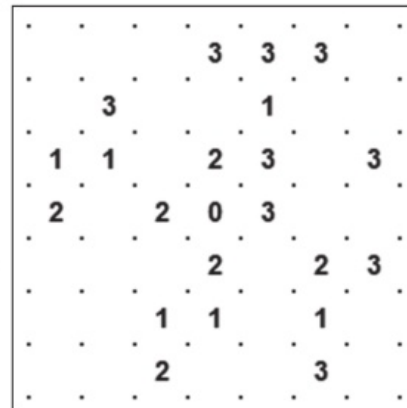
Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



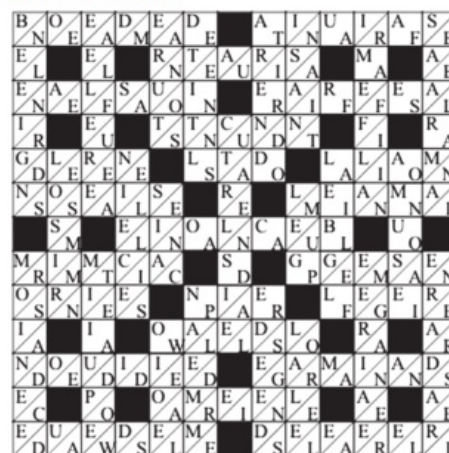
(Fig A)



(Fig B) Not Allowed



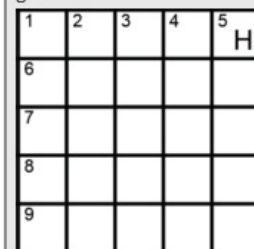
Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



ACROSS

- 1 Shams; 6 Cater;
- 7 Err do; 8 Reefs;
- 9 Brief

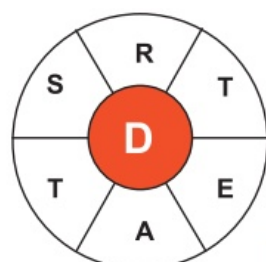
DOWN

- 1 Off SC; 2 IR Arm;
- 3 Beard; 4 Terse;
- 5 Sheer

Mensapuzzle

Subtract the sum of the three lowest numbers from the sum of the three highest numbers.

11 36 7 38 3 45
 39 10 48 37 12 36



Bull's eye

How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

12 Average; 14 Good; 16 Outstanding

SudokuChallenge



To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.



Easy

$\square \square \square \square = 27$

$\square \square \square \square = 15$

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Hocusfocus



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



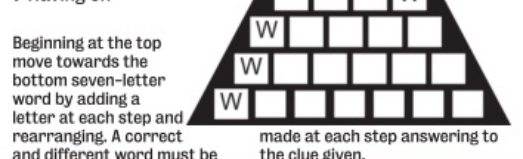
Differences: 1. Fishing line is different. 2. Branch is higher. 3. Hut is different. 4. Mountain is added. 5. Cloud is larger. 6. Cap is different.

You are an expert on paranormal activity and have been hired to locate a spirit haunting an old resort hotel. Strong signs indicate that the spirit lies behind one of four doors. The inscriptions on each door read as follows: Door A: It's behind B or C; Door B: It's behind A or D; Door C: It's in here; Door D: It's not in here; Your psychic powers have told you three of the inscriptions are false, and one is true. Behind which door will you find the spirit?

Riddler

Alpha triangle

- 1 Compass point
- 2 You and I
- 3 Camcorder button
- 4 Developed
- 5 Bet
- 6 German composer of opera
- 7 Having on

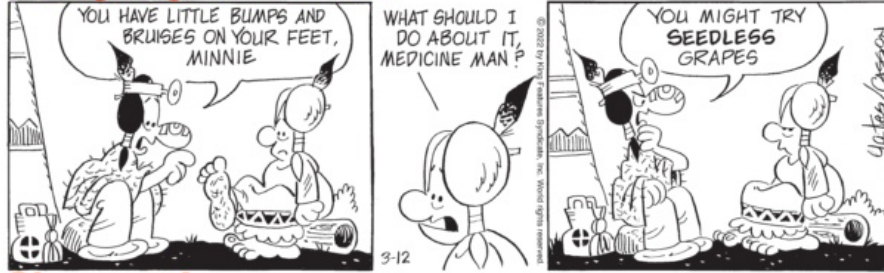


Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

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Mutts



WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 - Apr 20

Today, you may feel uneasy, due to sleeplessness last night. You may feel dull, which may reflect in your way of working. It is advised to postpone making investments in your work as you may be a victim of conspiracy. You are advised to keep an eye on opponents and rivals. Love birds are advised to keep patience to avoid unnecessary arguments.



Leo Jul 24 - Aug 23

Today is not a good day for you. You may be a victim of negative thoughts. You may be impatient. Your arrogance may push you back from taking difficult decisions. Your life seems to be stuck somewhere. You may be in need of blessing from your elders, which is likely to help you recover after some messy situations. You should avoid investments in dead assets. Love birds shall avoid discussions on frivolous topics.



Sagittarius Nov 23 - Dec 22

Today you may feel negative vibrations around you, which may make you unhappy. You are advised to avoid making investments in worthless assets. Your friends are not likely to be supportive today. So you should not expect more from them in terms of help, else it may make you more upset. You are advised to follow your intuition before taking any important decisions today.



Taurus Apr 21 - May 20

Today, you may be blessed by the moon. You may get some big orders with the help of overseas contacts. You may face some anxious moments, but somehow you may be able to control it. Students are likely to study a subject in depth. Investors are advised to make long-term investment for fruitful gains.



Virgo Aug 24 - Sep 23

Today, you are blessed by the moon, and are likely to hear some good news in terms of work and business. You are likely to enjoy domestic life in full swings of joy. You are advised to avoid getting into arguments on worthless topics. Over excitement may test your patience. You may take important decisions over investments in assets. Students are advised to be focused in their studies.



Capricorn Dec 23 - Jan 20

Today you may be able to implement business plans successfully with support of your subordinates. You may be involved in some social or family get together, which may boost your network. You are likely to go for short business-related trips, which may give you benefits in the near future.



Gemini May 21 - Jun 21

Today, you may be busy at work. You may face some difficulties in completing the task, which may make you upset, but somehow with blessings from elders and gurus, you may come out from this messy situation. Due to workload, you may feel mentally tired. You may not be able to give time to your family. But your siblings are likely to support you and to help maintain domestic harmony.



Libra Sep 24 - Oct 22

Today is good for your work. You may perform well at work. Your boss may give you more responsibility in terms of promotions. Your rivals and opponents are now under control. You may lend money to someone but it will be helpful to build your assets. You are likely to plan some investments for kids' future.



Aquarius Jan 21 - Feb 19

Today is a good day. Your financial health is likely to be good. You may get benefits from your past investments. You may gain control over your spending on worthless items, which may boost your savings. Love birds are advised to be polite in the conversation with the partner, otherwise there may be some conflicts between them.



Cancer Jun 22 - July 23

Today, things are under control. The last few days' crunch may be over. You may feel calm and cool. Your focus towards your goals may be good. You may enjoy your work. Your disputes in partnerships may be settled now. Litigation in property related matters are likely to be resolved. You may also have some romantic moments with loved ones.



Scorpio Oct 23 - Nov 22

Today you may feel very dull. It may make you lazy and careless and you are likely to be unfocused at work. Impatience may impact you. Kids and spouse's health issues may upset you. You are to avoid making investments in assets. Love birds should avoid getting into arguments in family matters.

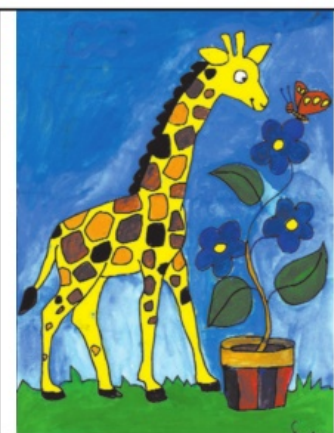


Pisces Feb 20 - Mar 20

Today, you may be busy with issues related to siblings and relatives. You may plan to start some new venture with the help of your siblings and network. You are likely to get an order, which may increase your family business. Your network may help you complete your task successfully. There may be some smart gains after a little effort.



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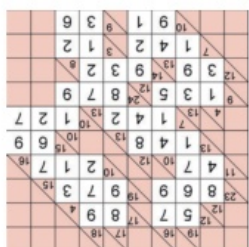
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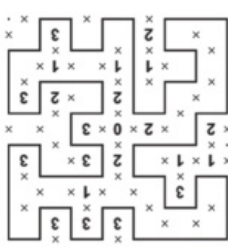
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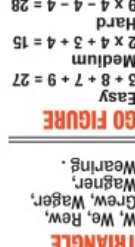
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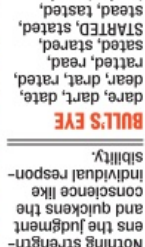
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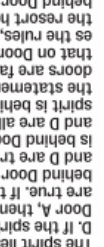
BULLS EYE



STRIKE OUT



MENSA



RIDDLER

Anushka's one regret



Actress Anushka Sharma is currently busy prepping for her next film, 'Chakda Xpress'. She will be seen essaying the role of the Indian cricketer Jhulan Goswami. She has been sharing glimpses of her prep session on Instagram. On Wednesday, she took to her story and shared a tanned selfie with her fans.

In her post, the actress

talked about having one regret in life. She revealed that she regrets not playing cricket in her childhood. Sharing a sweaty selfie, Anushka wrote, "Kaash bachchan mein kuch toh cricket khela hota, toh aaj haalat aisi na hoti (Wish I had played cricket in childhood, then this wouldn't be the condition today)."

—ETimes

Kate Moss in support of Depp

British model Kate Moss briefly took the witness stand in the defamation battle between actors Johnny Depp and Amber Heard on Wednesday as his attorneys tried to convince a jury that Heard was the abuser in their relationship.

The "Pirates of the Caribbean" star, 58, is suing Heard in Virginia for \$50 million, saying she defamed him when she said she was a victim of domestic abuse. Heard, 36, has countersued for \$100 million, arguing that Depp smeared her when his lawyer said her claims were a "hoax."

Depp's attorneys on Wednesday called Moss as a rebuttal witness after Heard had testified about a time she feared Depp would push her sister down a staircase. Heard said she recalled "rumors" of Depp pushing Moss down a flight of stairs and she slapped Depp to stop him from harming her



sister.

Moss, who dated Depp from 1994 to 1998, testified that she slipped on a staircase and injured her back during a vacation the couple took in Jamaica. Depp rushed to help her, carried her to her room and summoned medical services, she said.

"He never pushed me, kicked me or threw me down any stairs," said Moss, who appeared via video from England. —Reuters

INTERVIEW



SHRUTI HAASAN, ACTOR

Recharged and ready

'The thought of marriage makes me nervous at this point'

In 2018, she took a sabbatical for two years and moved to London. Cut to two years later, Shruti Haasan came back to India, fully recharged and ready to dive into work again. From making her debut in the OTT space to bagging interesting projects down South, the actor has been on a roll. In conversation with Bombay Times, she opens up about this new professional journey that she has embarked on, the new chapter in her personal life and why the thought of marriage makes her nervous. Read on...

In 2020, you returned to India after spending two years in London to start a new chapter here. How has it been so far?

It is going really well this time around. I feel rejuvenated and energised to take up new challenges. I must say 2022 is looking quite promising. It began with the release of my web show, for which I got immense love and appreciation. With that, I do look forward to taking up more Hindi projects. I have a few South projects, including Salaar with Prabhas, Chiru 154 with Chiranjeevi and NBK 107 with Balakrishna. I am also glad about the kind of reception South Indian films are getting today.

What's happening on the Bollywood front? In one of your recent interviews, you had said that Hindi filmmakers feel that you belong more to the south film industry.

Recently, there have been several discussions with Hindi filmmakers. As I said, my recent web show has coaxed me to do more Hindi projects. See, I started my journey as an actor with the Hindi film Luck (2009), and since then, I have only tried to balance my career by doing films in multiple languages. After Behen Hogi Teri in 2017, I took that break. After returning to India (in 2020), I picked up a few South projects that released consecutively. When it comes to me, people are looking only at the surface. I am glad that I was approached for the web show. I want to work across languages and mediums, but I will pick stories that entice me. I understand that Mumbai feels like the centre of the universe to so many people, but it isn't the centre

of some people's universe. I feel nobody should feel apologetic about where they choose to spend most of their time working. I have been in that race where people say that as an actor, you must do one Hindi film a year. I moved to Mumbai ever since my parents split. I have been living here for many years. I speak in Hindi with my mother. So, when I consider Mumbai my home and the city considers me its own, then how can someone from the Hindi film industry say things like, "Oh, but you are a South Indian."

Today, when you look back, how important was the two-year-long sabbatical from showbiz?

It was necessary because I wanted to realign myself. I felt like I was doing things that weren't making me happy, personally and professionally. At that

time, a lot of people thought that it was an insane step that I was taking, but it was important to step off the treadmill back then. There was a time when I stopped enjoying movies and music. I needed some quiet time to reinvent myself as an artiste.

How did you reinvent yourself during the course?

I took off on a path where I aimed to cleanse my mind, body and spirit. I wanted to start from scratch. So, I moved to London. I focused a lot on music. I started writing my own music again and collaborated with music producers. I started performing live and enjoyed doing gigs.

It was also the phase where you underwent therapy. Was it a result of your battle with anxiety for 10 years?

Yes, because anxiety definitely hampered my journey. Initially, when I was diagnosed with anxiety, I thought I should deal with it on my own. After so many years of struggle, it was in London that I turned to therapy and found answers to discussions I wasn't even willing to have with myself. I recommend therapy to those who are also facing anxiety. After all, your parents, siblings or friends are not certified professionals to help you deal with your stress. Professional guidance can be of great help. It took me 10 years to find my own way through anxiety. The two things that always get misconstrued as noise or violence — heavy metal music and MMA (Mixed Martial Arts) — are the only things that gave me balance during those difficult times.

What are your thoughts about marriage? Any plans to tie the knot soon?

The thought of marriage makes me nervous at this point. It is something that I wouldn't jump at right away.

Does marriage make you nervous because your parents (Kamal Haasan and Sarika) separated while you were growing up?

I think my parents had the most beautiful intentions for their marriage. When it worked, it was a fantastic marriage and that's what I chose to take away from it. Things may or may not work out. I like to look at what was the good side of it. My parents went through a lot, and they stuck it out. Just because their marriage didn't work, it doesn't mean I would write off the idea of marriage. When it worked, they were a brilliant couple, and that's what I chose to look at.

—Onkar Kulkarni

